

Corydon Town Council
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2021

The Town Council of the Town of Corydon, Indiana, met in the Town Hall, 219 North Capitol Ave, Corydon, Indiana on the 19th day of January 2021 at the hour of 7:30 p.m., in regular meeting pursuant to call in accordance with the rules of the Council.

The meeting was called to order by Lester Rhoads, who presided and the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Paul Hamann.

On call of the roll, the members of the Council were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present:	Absent:
Lester Rhoads	
Tyson Uhl	
Hope Schneider	
Doug Castetter	
Paul Hamann	

Clerk- Treasurer Treggie King and Town Attorney Chris Byrd also attended the meeting.

Doug Castetter made a motion to approve minutes of the previous meeting and Paul Hamann seconded the motion with an approval vote of 5-0.

Hope Schneider made the motion to approve claims and sign bills. Tyson Uhl seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

There was no new business for Planning & Zoning.

Paul Hamann made the motion to approve the consultant agreement from The Wheatley Group/ Jill Saegesser for the Community Crossing Grant Round #2. Hope Schneider seconded, and it passed 5-0. Ms. Saegesser advised the Council that the Community Crossing Grant Agreement, #A249-21-LG200372 in the amount of \$168,060 from INDOT for road paving will cover 75% of the estimated costs and the Town will be responsible for the remaining 25% of the estimated costs which would be \$56,020. This bid will need to be advertised twice and the bid award must be submitted to INDOT by April 8th, 2021.

Ms. Saegesser informed the Council OCRA will be awarding Round 3 COVID grants for small businesses. The required documentation for Council approval needs to be signed by the end of January. Tyson Uhl made a motion to give President Lester Rhoads the authority to sign the paperwork. Paul Hamann seconded the motion that passed 5-0. All applications are due by the end of February and must be returned to the Clerk Treasurer at the Town Hall. Local businesses may apply for a second round of grant monies; however, an applicant may not duplicate previous award requests. OCRA capped businesses applications with 100 or fewer employees. The Town will set the award amounts.

A working session meeting for the Urban Trail is scheduled for the 16th of February at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. This discussion includes the former Gerdon Auto property and what the future visions the Town may have for the property. The session will include maps, funding sources, and information to assist the Council determining multiple options. Ms. Saegesser and Treggie King recommended the Council provide their ideas to them prior to the meeting so appropriate information can be available for the discussion.

President Rhoads and Street Supervisor Kenny Blum looked at Hardee Hydraulic Mowers in Rockport, Indiana. The Board had a discussion about purchasing a mower safety attachment for a tractor to mow Rice Island and the creek banks. The current street department tractor size will not be suitable with the attachment that is being considered, a 10,000-pound tractor would need to be purchased to handle the mower attachment.

Scott Flickner, employed in the Wastewater Department, was promoted to the position of Town Manager. Tyson Uhl made the motion to approve Mr. Flickner for a salaried position of \$60,000.00. Paul Hamann seconded the motion which carried with a 5-0 vote. President Rhoads stated a take home vehicle would not be provided. Mr. Flickner has worked in different departments within the Town and he already has a working knowledge of the Town's infrastructure.

Hope Schneider made a motion to appoint Rhonda Rhoads to the Cemetery Board to fill the vacancy created by Betty Magner's resignation. Doug Castetter seconded the motion that carried 5-0. The Cemetery Board meets once a month and is an unpaid position.

A member of the Zoning Appeals Board has resigned, and no one has been assigned to take their place. President Rhoads tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

Doug Castetter made a motion to adopt the updated employee handbook with changes. Tyson Uhl seconded, and the motion passed 5-0. The effective date is January 19th, 2021 and each employee will have to sign for their handbook when picking them up.

Mainstreet's request for funding from the Town of Corydon is still under discussion. Councilman Tyson Uhl was adamant on providing Mainstreet's funding request as a donation. He referenced the option that had been made by the Town Attorney, Chris Byrd. Angel Frizzell, administrator of Mainstreet, told Clerk-Treasurer Treggie King that Main Street policies have changed, and the new administration should be trusted regarding Town's decision to donate money to Mainstreet. Ms. King told Mr. Uhl and Ms. Frizzell she is being cognizant for the Town from a financial and legal perspective. She said she recognizes and commends the Main Street organization, however, the Town assisted Main Street with the Bulleit Building renovation and was advised by Tom Tucker, the treasurer of Main Street at that time, that Main Street would be self-funding and would not need monetary assistance from the Town in the future. Gary Roberson, from Main Street, referenced the pandemic causing issues with Mainstreet getting their finances from the JJ Bulleit Building and from their renters. Fundraising has been lacking, according to Ms. Frizzell, due to the pandemic. Councilman Castetter asked if this was the main cause of financial burden and Ms. Frizzle replied that some of it was. Mr. Castetter stated if any money was given to Mainstreet they should be earmarked for COVID relief. Ms. King reminded the Council that her account representatives from Baker Tilly would be at the meeting with them on February 2nd at 6:00 pm to discuss overall financials and future fiscal projections with the Council and this funding request could be one of the items that could be discussed and if the Council. As per legal counsel, if a donation is considered by the Council, Mainstreet would control on how it ultimately used.

The bridge at Rice Island has 15 x 15 openings on the side rails that require custom welding to make sure no one can fall through the sides to be in safety compliance. Town employees will be fabricating that construction element. Frontage decorative barriers will be constructed on the north side of the new playground on Rice Island for safety. Mr. Rhoads stated C & R Construction quoted decorative blocks for \$14,000.00 for one row and \$28,000.00 for two rows. The blocks are 18 inches tall. A suggestion of K-rails could be installed for safety, but they are not esthetically pleasing for a park-like setting. Jill Saegesser told the Council there is money left in Stellar for the safety wall and possibly a parking area.

The Poplar Trace/ Harrison Co Regional Sewer District's request regarding their sewer hookup to the Town's sewer line is still in negotiation.

Ms. Saegesser will be assisting with a grant for a new fence at the Cemetery. At the present time they are waiting for quotes to be submitted.

Tyson Uhl announced to the Council this would be his last meeting because he will be relocating to Tennessee after accepting a new job offer. President Rhoads thanked Mr. Uhl for serving on the Council and wished him well in the future.

There being no further business to come before the Council and upon a motion to adjourn by Tyson Uhl and seconded by Doug Castetter, the meeting adjourned.

DATED: *February 2, 2021*
SIGNED: *Justin Rhoads*
ATTEST: *J.M. King*